

## LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN IN AMERICA

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The marquis and marchioness of Aberdeen are now making a tour of the United States and Canada for the purpose of attending various meetings and of delivering lectures on social topics. Lord Aberdeen, who has twice been vicar of Ireland, was made a marquis last January. The marchioness is president of the International Council of Women.

## ESCORT COULDN'T SEE JOKE KEEPS CHICKENS AT WORK

Incident at Coney Island That Probably Taught Confetti Thrower a Lesson He Needed.

A large well-dressed man and a handsome woman were in the March Grotto crowd at Coney Island, New York. They had been waiting some time for the parade and the woman began to yawn. Now yawning is a very undesirable performance in public, and rather a dangerous one in a Coney Island crowd, for while the woman had her mouth wide open and was putting all the worth there is to be had out of a good healthy yawn a young man bent in mischievous fashion of confetti eight plump into the orifice. The woman coughed and spit furiously, and the hoodlum shrieked with delight. Those about him thought it was a grand joke too all but the woman's escort. He reached out one powerful arm and grabbed the attacking youth by the shoulder. Then he brought his fist down on the young man's straw hat crushing it and driving his head through the crown and partly over his ears. Next he turned the young man around and kicked him with all the force and swiftness that outraged dignity and fierce anger afforded. If that youth recovers from that kick and throws confetti again he will be careful in picking his target. And maybe the handsome woman if she yawns again in a house will not do so in such a rush as turns out to see a Coney Island catastrophe.

## Chance for American Fruits

Trade openings which are most in this part of Canada, writes General Felix H. H. Johnson, Kingman, are those for peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes, pears and sweet potatoes, which could be brought to Ontario from Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey and sold at a profit. Fruits and vegetables in the States are ready for market three or four weeks before those of Ontario, thereby providing a splendid opening for the American article. Sweet potatoes (cassaban) cost on the local market at seven cents per pound; watermelons at two and one-half cents per pound, or five cents a slice, and cantaloupes at ten cents apiece. It is with a view to establishing American fruits in the markets of Ontario that the attention of fruit growers is called to this matter.

## RIGHTS TO BE DETERMINED

Eligibility of Porto Rican as American Army Officer is Being Questioned by Authorities.

The question as to whether Luis Basilio Estevez, the Porto Rican graduate in this year's class from West Point, is eligible for a commission in the army has been raised. Under a decision of the court Porto Ricans are not citizens of the United States and for that reason it was suggested that Cadet Estevez might not qualify as an officer of the army.

While the question has not been passed upon by the legal authorities the opinion of those who have been looking up the precedents is that the fact that the cadet is not a citizen of

## MARTIAL MUSIC UNDER DIFFICULTIES



A highly interesting and unusual picture just from the Argonne district. The crown prince has been making attacks along this front in which poison gas was extensively used. Entire regiments go about constantly masked against the deadly fumes, and when during a lull in the fighting the regimental band got together for rehearsal in the ruins of a village they presented this grotesque scene.

## the United States will not disqualify him from holding a commission.

Beginning with the Revolutionary war down through the Civil War, foreigners have held commissions in the United States army. Without regard to his citizenship the Porto Rican now has the legal status of a cadet. He is in a different status from the Filipinos, who under a special act of congress are permitted to take the course at the military academy. Estevez entered the academy and was educated under the same provisions of law as all other cadets, and it is thought that it will be held that he is eligible for a commission in the army—Washington Star.

## Edison and His Incandescent.

According to a friend, Thomas A. Edison is of the opinion that it was anger that first turned him toward inventing the incandescent light, reports the Newark News. How it happened is related by the friend, who says:

"That was of course in the early days and Mr. Edison was then quite the inventor that now reads of poor, enthusiastic, never sleeping. He lived in a small house innocent of anything approaching a laboratory; scientific devices were in every room, and all the money went for experiments. Then one day came the crisis in the guise of the collector for the gas company. He had been in the house often, but Edison hardly hearing his calls, had waved him away, saying 'Don't bother me.'

On this last call the collector's instructions were peremptory. He must turn off the gas.

## Conversing With "Ghosts."

Some enthusiasts of real eminence have accepted the postulate of the individuality and self-consciousness of the soul after the death of the body, and have even attempted to demonstrate their belief by asserting communication with these disembodied spirits. Sir William Crookes, a prominent deliver in chemistry pertaining to radioactivity, asserted years ago that he had had communication with some dead friends, but for a veritable reason he has been silent about this matter. Camille Flammarion, a rather speculative and sensational astronomer, declares that he has seen and conversed with the ghosts of dead friends. Prof. William James, brother of Henry James the novelist, prompted before he died that it possible he would communicate with his friend Professor Huxley, both eminent psychologists but at last known the soul of Professor James had not spoken.

## Hudson Bay Road.

The competition of the Hudson Bay railway, now under construction, from the Pas, Manitoba, to Port Nelson, will open a vast area of rich natural resources. The whole region, with its history and possibilities, is described in an illustrated volume entitled, "The Hudson Bay Road, 1910-1915," by A. H. de Tremblay, of the Manitoba Bar.

## Making Food From Straw.

Professor Friedrich of Berlin university is said to have discovered a new food substitute from straw. The discovery is said to be likely to revolutionize the food of the people.

President Ulrich of Princeton appears to confirm the charges of the "no graduate" who recently had an article in the *Sketchbook*, that a college student had such incentive to work hard, that in some instances he could leap gracefully through the course. This article brought many letters to the *Outlook*, and the discussion took a pretty wide range. President Ulrich addressed a conference of masters of church schools at Warren, a Philadelphia suburb, and among the things he said was this: "Men in the world must earn their bread by the sweat of their brows, but the student gain acquire knowledge quite vicariously, without having to exert himself for it. He should be made to think his way out of difficulties himself."

Doctor Hiltgen declared that colleges contribute in the tendency of the undergraduate to postpone until tomorrow the task of today by making his work agreeable. The teacher helps him over any difficulty—Hartford Courant.

## Beggars' Paradise.

In China begging is in the nature of an art, and the various sorts of supplicants have been classified, until now it is known that there are at least thirty classes of traveling mendicants.

The passenger boats know them and do not attempt to collect passage money, for they sleep on the open deck, and, curiously enough, pay for whatever rice they require. This being the case, rather than have any trouble with them and gain their enmity, the boatmen allow them free passage.

When they reach the city they put up at the beggar hotel near the Big Pagoda and let the beggar headman know of their arrival. Soon the regular allowance is forthcoming and the man spends a few days in pursuit of pleasure and then moves on to another place to repeat the same proceeding.

**Pressed Feathers vs. Wool.**

A Vezo priest has solved the problem of the scarcity of wool, which will be abundantly needed by the Alpine troops during the forthcoming winter campaign.

He has discovered a substitute consisting of pressed feathers, the advantage being that they make lighter, warmer and cheaper wool.

## DUG ITSELF OUT OF PIT

Remarkable Piece of Work That Has Been Credited to Steam-Shovel at New York.

When a steam-shovel had excavated a pit in connection with some grade-crossing work near New York, it extricated itself by burrowing down still further until it reached a convenient subway and then trundled itself out on the rails. The story is told in *Engineering News*, which calls it a tale of "resourcefulness in operating a steam-shovel." We read:

"The shovel . . . was used in making the second cut in a section of the grade-crossing elimination work which the Long Island railroad has had under way for the last three years in East New York. When this section of the second cut had been finished, the disposition of the shovel presented something of a problem. It would not do to lift it out of the cut, because the slopes might slide, nor could it be backed out by the way it had entered, because of the timbering in the rear. The iron tubes of the tunnel had been completed to a point where the second cut on this section began. It was decided that the simplest way of moving the shovel to the surface was to have it dig its way down to one of the concrete tubes, the floor of which was 22 feet below the floor of the second cut, and then to run the shovel out to the portal on the track laid inside the tube. The spoil hauled by the shovel was lifted out of the cut by a crane equipped with a bucket. In order to keep the water distributed uniformly in the boiler and the fire burning properly, the rear truck of the shovel was removed and the shovel skidded on timbers down an 18 per cent grade. Walter H. Galagan, the contractor, states that the entire operation was performed without any particular difficulty."

## SOLDIERS DRILL AT GOLGOtha

And Armed Aircraft Hover Over Sacred Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives.

Armed airplanes and aeroplanes are continually flying over the birthplace of the Prince of Peace at Bethlehem, according to the *Beth aus Zion*, the *Messenger from Zion*, a newspaper published in Palestine by a Swiss missionary. Nearly the entire Holy Land has been transformed into a military camp.

Soldiers are maneuvering every day on the Mount of Olives, at Gethsemane and Jerusalem. The English, French and Russian converts have been turned into barracks and between Jordan and Jericho where transportation was by mule pack in the days when Christ came to bring peace on earth, a road is being constructed for armored motor cars.

Long columns of halberds, driven by Arab peasants are hauling carts loaded with powder projectiles and other supplies for the Turkish army, along the favorite route of pilgrims in Palestine. Fast dromedaries of the camel corps maintain communication between the camps in Palestine and the Turkish headquarters. It is supposed that the concentration of the young recruits in the Holy Land is with a view to another attack upon Egypt.

## Light in Modern War.

From what has been said it appears that the new art of fighting with light is both offensive and defensive. Light, under up-to-date military conditions, is in a way a weapon of war just as much as the rifle or the machine gun; if, once drawn into international conflict, we are not to be beaten, we must learn how to use it. Which, in a word, represents exactly the problem that Uncle Sam is now trying to solve.

Invisibility is the keynote of modern warfare. To win the fighting man must not be seen by his adversary. Hence the development of night-fighting. Never in the history of war has the surprise attack cut so large a figure as in the present conflict. Darkness, for such purposes, is the best help. Advantage is taken of the cover of night for the advance of large bodies of troops, for flank movements, for the emplacing of artillery, for the bringing up of munitions. The Zeppelins are night-birds.

## Activities of Women.

Miss Laura J. Lamouroux has been appointed city bacteriologist at Berkeley, Cal.

Several factories in Germany are now superintended by women of academic education.

Denmark pays her policewomen \$300 a year more than men when they first enter the service.

Mrs. Mananda McCabe of Logansport, Ind., has been declared insane because she is under the hallucination that she is the "Queen of the Movies."

If she will consent to dispense with her trunk and ride a park mule, Miss Anna Smith will be employed as a school teacher at Humboldt, Cal.

Owing to the inability to secure male labor, over 400 woman school teachers in Glasgow, Scotland, have agreed to pick this year's raspberry crop.

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Time was when the negro minstrels held possession of three or four theaters in the single city of New York and when a dozen or more troupes were traveling from town to town and now they have long ago surrendered their last half in the metropolis and only two or three companies wind their lonely way from theater to theater throughout the United States. The few surviving practitioners of the art are reduced to the presentation of brief interludes in the all-devouring variety shows or to the impersonation of sparse negro characters in occasional comedies. The Skidmore Guards who paraded so gayly at Harriet and Harriet are disbanded now these many years. Johnny Wild of joyous memory is no more, and Swartwout, bereft of his fellows in stable drivellers, is seen only in a chance comedy like "Excuse Me," or the "County Chairman." George Christy and Dan Emmett and Dan Bryant have gone and left only fading memories of their breezy songs, their nimble dances, and their rapping quips—Brander Matthews, in "Scribner's"

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